

REMARKS

The Office Action of May 4, 2005, has been carefully considered. Applicants thanks the Examiner for suggestions regarding further allowable subject matter and for indicating that a method claim would be considered.

The paragraph beginning on line 7 of page 5 of the original application has been amended to describe the handle as having a forward portion, a transition portion, and a hand graspable portion, wherein the forward portion houses the light source and is smaller in cross-section than the hand graspable portion, and wherein the cooperation of the forward portion and the transition portion provide a rest for a care giver's index finger. The features described in the amended specification are shown in FIGS. 1, 2, and 3 of the original drawings, and Applicant believes that no new matter has been added.

Claim 1 has been amended to include limitations that the handle include a forward portion housing a light source, a transition portion cooperating with the forward portion to provide a rest for a care giver's index finger, and a hand graspable portion large enough to provide a rest for a user's fingers on one side and palm on the other side.

Claim 3 has been amended to remove limitations added to the herein amended Claim 1, which Claim 3 depends from.

New Claims 15 - 20 have been added which depend from Claim 1, Claim 15 describes a rounded forward portion, Claim 16 describes a rounded transition portion,

Claim 17 describes the transition portion sloping upwardly and forwardly from the hand graspable portion to the forward portion, Claim 18 describes that the transition portion provides a smooth transition to the forward portion and to the hand graspable portion, Claim 19 describes a round hand graspable portion, and Claim 20 describes the light source being energized by a battery in the hand graspable portion. Claim 21 describes a method according to the present invention.

FIG. 2 has been amended to provide an element number for the forward portion of the handle and an element number for the hand graspable portion of the handle.

Rejections Based on 35 USC § 103

The examiner has rejected claims 1, and 3-7 under 35USC § 103 as anticipated by Rende (US 6,523,545) in view of Allen, Jr (US 4,602,430). Claim 1 has been amended to include a forward portion, a transition portion, and a hand graspable portion of the handle, as shown in FIGS. 1, 2, and 3 of the original drawings and described in the specification as herein amended. The forward portion is described as being smaller in cross-section than the hand graspable portion and housing the light source, the hand graspable portion is described as being large enough to provide a rest for a user's fingers on one side and palm on the other side, and the forward portion and transition portion are described as providing a rest for the user's index finger proximal to and behind the blades. Because neither Rende nor Allen describe a handle including a forward portion housing a light source, a hand graspable portion

suitable for holding between fingers and palm, a transition portion between a hand graspable portion to a forward portion, or that a cooperation of a forward portion and a transition portion provides a rest for a care giver's index finger, Applicant believes that the amended Claim 1 is in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection based on Rende and Allen and advance Claim 1 toward allowance.

Claims 3 - 7 depend from Claim 1, and because Applicant believes that Claim 1 is now in condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection based on Rende and Allen and advance Claims 3 - 7 toward allowance.

CONCLUSIONS

Claims 1, 3 - 11, 13, and 14 remain pending in the application. New Claims 15 - 21 have been added. Claim 1 has been amended to overcome the rejections in the Office Action mailed May 4, 2005. New Claims 15-21 have been added. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner advance Claims 1, 3 -11, and 13-21 to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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